

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, in the heading, please cancel "tesa...Description".

Page 1, line 18, please insert:

--Background of the invention--

Paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 (amended):

A paint protection sheet based on polyethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) is described in DE 195 32 220 A1 (U.S. 5,895,714). This system attains good bond values after just a short time and ensures a high degree of bonding security against unwanted spontaneous detachment during transit. Disadvantages perceived by the user include the strong peel increase, which can be lessened with a sophisticated mixture of different EVA copolymers as described in DE 100 50 499 A1.

Paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22 (amended):

One representative of an apolar synthetic rubber is polyisobutylene. A protective sheet with this adhesive system is described in, for example, EP 0 519 278 A1 (U.S. 5,882,775) and features much better weathering stability than natural rubber, owing to the absence of double bonds. The paint compatibility, though frequently satisfactory, is less good on many paints than that of natural rubber compositions.

Paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4, please cancel.

Page 4, line 31, please insert:

--Summary of the invention--

Page 5, between lines 11 and 12, please insert:

--Detailed description--

Paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12 (amended):

Suitable thicknesses for the backing films are from 20 to 80 μm (including the adhesion promoter layer where appropriate). The flexibility of the backing film has a part to play in the content of deformability during the application of the protective sheet: the force at 10% elongation should not exceed 25 N/15 mm, preferably 16 N/15 mm, both in the longitudinal direction and in the transverse direction. Owing to their thermal contraction resistance and effective deformability, propylene copolymers are especially suitable. Suitable films are described in DE 199 23 780 A1 and DE 196 35 704 A1 (U.S. 5,925,456).

Page 19, please cancel the heading "Claims".

Page 19, before the first line of text, please insert:

--We claim:--.